

REMARKS

The Election/Restriction Requirement dated March 20, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 51-93 are pending in this application. Claims 51-54 and 70-93 are withdrawn. Claim 69 is amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 69 may be found in the specification as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 55-69, drawn to a method of screening for molecules capable of generating alteration of a target intracellular parameter, said alteration being the translocation from cytoplasm to the membrane of a cellular effector. In accordance with the further Election of Species Requirement by the Examiner, the Applicants elect Species (i): proteins that link plasmatic membrane receptors as the species of regulating proteins, and Species (ii): a receptor as the species of heterologous proteins/cellular effectors.

This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Election/Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group II, Claims 55-69, on the merits.

In the event that this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 026073-00008.

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